

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20th, 2008  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SACRAMENTO/YOLO MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

PLACE: 8631 Bond Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624-1477

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Craig R. Burnett	President	Folsom
Rosemarie Moore	Vice-President	Isleton
Robert Biederman		Galt
Lyndon Hawkins		Elk Grove
Marie Heilman	Secretary	Winters
Jayna Karpinski-Costa		Citrus Heights
John Lewallen		Sacramento County
Michael Parrella		Yolo County
Neal Peart		Woodland
Robert McGarvey		Rancho Cordova
Robert Washino		Davis

ABSENT: Raul DeAnda West Sacramento  
David Tamayo City of Sacramento

STAFF PRESENT:

David Brown	Manager
Gary Goodman	Assistant Manager
Debbie Ackerman	Admin. Mgr.
Paula Macedo	Lab Director
Joel Buettner	Ecological Mgmt. Supervisor
Luz Rodriguez	Public Information Officer
Demetri Dokos	Fisheries Supervisor

LEGAL COUNSEL: Richard Shanahan

**Call to Order:**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All cell phones, pagers, pda's, and electronic devices are requested to be silenced during the meeting.

**People wishing to address the Board regarding items not**

**listed on the agenda.** Mr. Jack DeWitt, Mr. Robert Mark, and Mr. Paul Buttner addressed the Board regarding rice fields and the fall flooding program.

A moment of silence was offered in memory of former Board member Jack Whitfield, who passed away on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

1. **Closed Session for Consideration of July 14, 2008 Liability Claim Against the District by Claimant Living Resources Company; Brown Act Section 54956.95**

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

2. **Items for Approval by General Consent:**

On a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Peart, the Board unanimously approved the items of general consent: minutes of the July 16th, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting; expenditures for July 2008; District Quarterly Investment Report.

3. **Correspondence to the Board:**

A memo from Dr. Tom Scott regarding a research project on culex pipiens that the District supported; Letter from Department of General Services regarding the delay in payment due to the lack of a State Budget.

President Burnett moved to item 7, Manager's Report, while we wait the arrival Mr. Jeff Furnish to review item 4 with the Board.

7. **Reports to the Board:**

**Manager's Report:** There has been an increase of WNV cases in Southern California; the State still has no budget; the Ducheny bill has passed the senate and assembly and is in enrollment; Assembly member Ma has pulled her legislation repealing DPR's oversight of pesticides and will not be introduced this year; we held a fall flooding workshop here at the District. Staff will meet with the Roosevelt Ranch to try and resolve their resistance to cooperate; the field work for the annual audit has been completed; a special need product called "Anvil" was just approved through a Section 18 by DPR to address the shortfall of pyrethrin products; San Joaquin MVCD will be holding an ethics training workshop for those that are interested.

**Surveillance:** Lab Director Paula Macedo provided a written report and reviewed additional information on the number of dead birds reported and tested positive; the increase in human cases and the increase in neuroinvasive symptoms; the trapping locations and collection results; sentinel chickens and testing results; mosquito pools and test results.

**Ecological Management Department:** Supervisor Joel Buettner provided a written report and some follow-up information regarding some field projects; beaver dams and depredation, and available assistance funds; Dept. of Fish & Game activities and collaboration/cooperation; the fall flooding workshop and responses/difficulties.

**Biological Control:** Supervisor Demetri Dokos provided a written report and reviewed additional information on stocking wetlands, rice fields; and pond revitalization.

**Adulticide/Larvicide/Control Operations:** Assistant Manager Gary Goodman provided a written report, but also reviewed additional information regarding current status of field activities;

7. **Cont'd.** the pyrethrin shortage, the section 18 Anvil product; WNV response treatments.

**Public Outreach:** Supervisor Luz Rodriguez provided a written report and reviewed additional information regarding our media coverage; August events, including the State Fair; the change from the pool situation to self protection to the end of September in the advertising campaigns.

4. **Board Review and Consideration to Retrospectively Prefund Other Post Employment Benefits Through California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT).**

Mr. Jeff Furnish, Health and Benefits Actuarial Services Manager for Bickmore Risk Services, conducted an actuarial valuation of the District's "other post-employment benefit" programs. The purpose of the valuation was to assess the OPEB liabilities and provide disclosure information as required by Statement No. 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 45). Mr. Furnish reviewed and discussed the actuarial valuation report. After the questions and discussion, on a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Moore, the Board unanimously approved the following actions: (1) acceptance of the District Actuarial Valuation of the Other Post Employment Benefits and Programs dated August 7, 2008 by Bickmore Risk Services & Consulting; (2) Preliminarily approval of pre-funding the District's OPEB liability through retrospective adoption; and (3) directed the Manager to prepare an application to participate in the California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust Program (CERBT) and related materials for consideration by the Board of Trustees at a later meeting.

Trustee Peart departed the meeting at 12:00 noon.

5. **Board Review and Approval to Fund Research Project Investigating Kamiti-Like Flavivirus and Potential Biological Control Possibilities (Dr. Aaron Brault).**

This proposal was submitted through the UC Mosquito Research Program. Dr. Aaron Brault presented his proposal for the research and discussed how the research would benefit our District in assessing arboviral disease risk; and, the potential use as a biological control agent for reducing the potential of California mosquito species to transmit WNV. On a motion by Trustee McGarvey, seconded by Trustee Heilman, the Board unanimously approved to fund Dr. Brault's research project through the MVCAC Research Foundation not to exceed \$45,745.00 with Trustees Washino and Parrella abstaining.

6. **Board Review and Approval to Fund Research Project to Compare Urban vs, Rural Genotypes of Cx. Pipiens in California (Dr. Anton Cornell).**

*This proposal was submitted through the UC Mosquito Research Program and Dr. Cornell previously made a presentation to the Board. There was a motion by Trustee Lewallen, seconded by Trustee Heilman, to approve the funding through the MVCAC Mosquito Research Foundation for the research project not to exceed \$20,000.00. After discussion, the Board is requesting the Manager to obtain a full disclosure from the researcher. The motion passed on a vote of 5 to 3, with Trustees Washino and Parrella abstaining.*

8. **Board Review and Consideration of Policy to Update District Retention Policy on Documents.**

*This is the second reading of the policy for review. On a motion by Trustee Hawkins, seconded by Trustee Heilman, the Board unanimously approved the District Records Management Policy.*

9. **Board/Staff General Discussion.**

*Opportunity for trustees and staff to ask questions for clarification, make brief announcements and reports, and for trustees to provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter, or direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.*

*Department of Fish and Game has inquired if the District would be interested in pursuing some projects that would help identify how much water is necessary for wetlands to meet their obligations. No proposals at this time, but the Manager is in support of a research collaboration.*

*The Board had expressed an interest in a retreat to investigate some of the wetlands. Staff will start making arrangements for a date next month.*

1. **Closed Session for Consideration of July 14, 2008 Liability Claim Against the District by Claimant Living Resources Company; Brown Act Section 54956.95.**

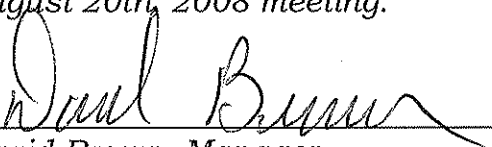
*Legal Counsel Shanahan announced that the Board, by unanimous vote, voted to reject the Living Resources Company claim as untimely.*

**10. Adjournment.**

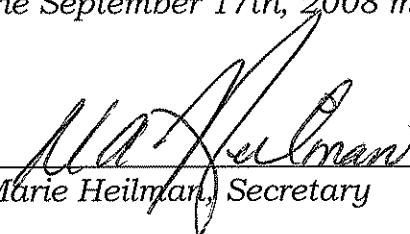
*Meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.*

\* \* \* \* \*

*I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the general  
business and actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the  
August 20th, 2008 meeting.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Brown, Manager

*Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at  
the September 17th, 2008 meeting.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Heilmann, Secretary